

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Heinz EICHER

Application No.: 10/697,569

Filed: October 31, 2003

For: **DEVICE FOR LETTING OFF  
RESIDUAL STEAM AND  
WATER FROM THE HEATING  
UNIT OF A HOT BEVERAGE  
MACHINE, IN PARTICULAR A  
COFFEE MACHINE**

Art Unit: 1761

Examiner: To be assigned

Confirmation No.: 8421

Atty. Docket No.: 31496-198393

Customer No.

**26694**

PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Attention: DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

REQUEST FOR REFUND

Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests a refund of \$1060 which was inadvertently charged to the Deposit Account No. 22-0261 on May 11, 2004. Applicant also requests that the refund be credited to the same Deposit Account.

As indicated in the enclosed Deposit Account Summary, \$770 was charged on May 11, 2004 to cover the fee for filing the subject application and \$290 for the additional claims. However, Applicant never intended to pay these fees. When Applicant filed the initial response to the Notice to Filing Missing Parts on March 30, 2004, Applicant paid a retention fee of \$130 under 37 C.F.R. §1.21(l) instead of providing the missing declaration, filing fee, and abstract of disclosure listed as missing in the Notice. The payment of the retention fee alone, without

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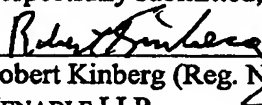
submission of any other document or fee, elucidated that Applicant intended to keep the case retained in the USPTO instead of being fully responsive to the Notice to File Missing Parts. In fact, Applicant filed a continuation application on March 30, 2004 claiming priority on the subject application, and the purpose of paying the retention fee was solely to keep the case retained in the USPTO so that Applicant could claim the priority under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(f)(5).

Subsequently, Applicant discovered an error in the name of the sole inventor in the subject application, and filed a Second Response to Notice to File Missing Parts on April 28, 2004, submitting an inventor's Declaration and Power of Attorney to correct the error with a one-month extension fee. Again, Applicant submitted the Declaration only for the purpose of correcting the inventorship, but not for the purpose of fully responding to the Notice to File Missing Parts. Applicant did not have any intention to pay the missing filing fee and additional claim fee, as Applicant had already paid the retention fee. Applicant wanted to abandon the subject application in lieu of paying the fees while keeping the file retained in the USPTO for the priority claim in the continuation application.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that a total of \$1060 was inadvertently charged and requests that the same amount be credited to Deposit Account No. 22-0261 and Applicants' attorney be notified accordingly.

Date: May 24, 2004

Respectfully submitted,

  
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05/07 49	PAYMENT		9203	-\$2,501.00	\$14,851.06
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**(202) 344-8300****SENDER'S PHONE NUMBER:**  
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**Kimberly L. Mason****ASSISTANT'S PHONE NUMBER:**  
**(202) 344-4833****DATE:**  
**May 24, 2004****CLIENT/MATTER NUMBER:**  
**31496-198393****PAGES, INCLUDING COVER:**  
**- 4 -****MESSAGE:**

Transmitted herewith are the Request for Refund with a copy of the Deposit Account Summary of Account No. 22-0261 indicating the 2 fees inadvertently charged to the account under reference number 31496-198393 K.

Your attention to the matter is greatly appreciated.

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